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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 7 AUGUST 1998 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter dated 7 August 1998, addressed to you by Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister, describing a new example of the deliberate delaying tactics used by the United Nations Special Commission to keep the disarmament files open and thereby prevent the implementation of paragraph 22 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
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Annex

Letter dated 7 August 1998 from the Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In the letter which I sent to you on 5 August 1998, I referred to the delaying tactics used by the United Nations Special Commission to keep the disarmament files open and thereby prevent the implementation of paragraph 22 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

Today I should like to inform you of a new example which confirms this attitude. On 5 August 1998, the Iraqi side received a letter (annexed) from the leader of inspection team 242, the United States national Mr. John Larrabee, in which he requests samples of destroyed materials which had previously been used for the indigenous production of engines, so as to have them analysed in laboratories outside Iraq. I should like to remind you that during the visit of the inspection team in question (from 22 July to 2 August 1998), detailed discussions took place in the presence of international experts, during which there was a detailed review of the situation with regard to the indigenous production of engines, the level of expertise achieved in that respect, the quality of indigenous production, and all aspects of production and assembly, and also the static and dynamic experiments carried out.

During this period, the components which had been destroyed (the major components and the secondary parts and components) were weighed and the material balance was established. The international experts of team 242 were thus able to ascertain the truth of the Iraqi declarations and the falsity of the information which the Special Commission had provided to the Security Council on 3 June 1998. It was clear to the experts that the Iraqi side had not produced operational engines. The indigenous production of engines was at the experimental stage (research-development), as Mr. John Larrabee himself recognized before leaving Iraq.

The analysis of the items in question by laboratories, as requested by Mr. Larrabee, is not justified from a technical point of view. It is clear that the real purpose of this request is to drag out this matter under the pretext of continuing the investigation.

It is regrettable that the Iraqi side received this letter after the end of the high-level discussions held with Mr. Butler and after everything that was said to him during the discussions on this matter. The team leader, Mr. John Larrabee, was present and is aware of everything that was said.

[Signed] Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister

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To: Mr Kamal, NMD

Date: August 5, 1993

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Pages: 1, including this cover sheet.

From: John Larrabee

Subject: UNSCOM-242 Request

COMMENTS:

1. The UNSCOM-242 team of experts have recommended that some of the items which were removed from the Dijla Arm River should be taken to foreign laboratories for analysis and verification. The following items have been requested to be moved to the BMVC for packaging and shipment to Bahrain.

242003	Injector head with injectors
242008	Gas generator
242017	Turbo pump wheel
242025	Turbo pump wheel with shaft
242027	Gas generator (2)
242029	Injector head
242035	Air reducer (2)
242063	Oxidizer injector bags (6)
242065	Fuel injector bags (8)
242081	Air reducer
242082	Turbo pump wheel with shaft
242083	Gas generator
242095	Turbo pump wheel (2)
242096	Air reducer (2)
242017	Purging valve (2)
242124	Small part of Iraqi engine

2. I would be most grateful if you would coordinate with the MG-18 team for the removal of these parts from the stores at Karama State Establishment, Khadamiyah Site for transportation to the BMVC as soon as possible.

Regards - John Larrabee, CI, UNSCOM-242